

Answer: Maryland!

- 1 Maryland is #1 in the country in improving Advanced Placement (AP) performance,** and is one of just three states in which more than 20% of graduating seniors have taken and passed at least one AP exam. Maryland also excels in increasing AP participation among minority students. In four years, the number of African-American test-takers has more than doubled, and Latino participation has jumped 125%. In fact, Maryland is one of three states in which Latinos' enrollment in AP courses outpaces their enrollment in regular courses.
Source: The College Board
- 2 Children in Maryland have a better chance for adult success than children in most other states.** *Education Week's* Chance for Success index ranks Maryland 5th in the nation on 13 indicators that, combined, predict a child's chance for success later in life. The index considers family income; parent education, employment, and English fluency; preschool and kindergarten enrollment; elementary school reading and middle school math scores; high school graduation rate; postsecondary participation; educational attainment; annual income; and steady employment.
Source: Education Week
- 3 For the third-straight year, reading and math scores on the Maryland School Assessment have risen in all 24 school systems.** The scores show steady improvement among students of all races and at all grade levels. Students with disabilities, students learning English, and those in poverty also improved.
Source: Maryland State Department of Education
- 4 Maryland leads the College Board's Middle States region in SAT scores.** A combined score of 1511 also ranks Maryland fourth among all states with 70% or higher test participation.
Source: The College Board
- 5 Maryland high school graduates received nearly \$500 million in scholarships.** Nearly a half-billion dollars in scholarships was offered to the class of 2006.
Source: Maryland State Department of Education

